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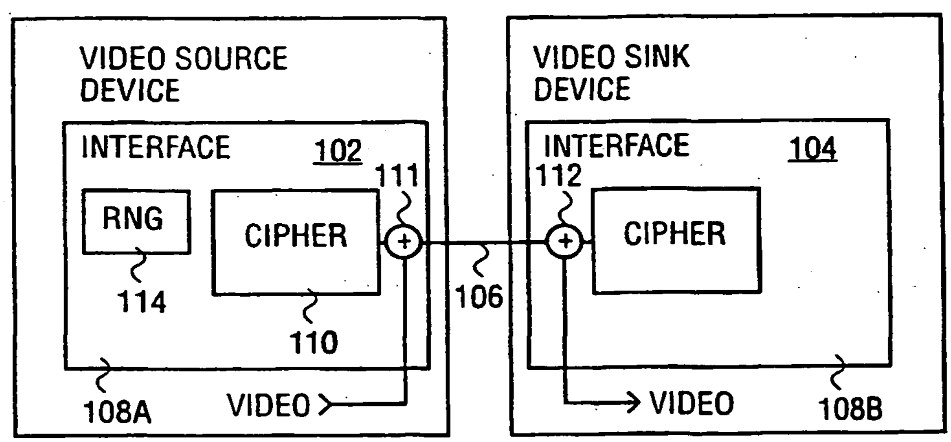

(57) Abstract: A video source device provides a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process to a video sink device, to which the video source device is to provide a video content. The video source device ciphers the video content for transmission to the video sink device, including generation of a first cipher key through functional transformation of the basis value. The video source device further verifies periodically that the transmitted video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device. The video sink device practices symmetric deciphering, including generation of a first decipher key through functional transformation of the basis value. The video sink device also provides verification values to the video source device to facilitate confirmation of symmetric deciphering. In one embodiment, the video source and sink devices further authenticate each other, including generation of an authentication key, which is used in the generation of the first cipher/decipher key.

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Digital Video Content Transmission Ciphering And Deciphering Method And Apparatus

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of content protection. More specifically, the present invention addresses the provision of protection to digital video content to facilitate their secure transmission from a video source device to a video sink device.

2. Background Information

In general, entertainment, education, art, and so forth (hereinafter collectively referred to as "content") packaged in digital form offer higher audio and video quality than their analog counterparts. However, content producers, especially those in the entertainment industry, are still reluctant in totally embracing the digital form. The primary reason being digital contents are particularly vulnerable to pirating. As unlike the analog form, where some amount of quality degradation generally occurs with each copying, a pirated copy of digital content is virtually as good as the "gold master". As a result, much effort have been spent by the industry in developing and adopting techniques to provide protection to the distribution and rendering of digital content.

Historically, the communication interface between a video source device (such as a personal computer) and a video sink device (such as a monitor) is an analog interface. Thus, very little focus has been given to providing protection for the transmission between the source and sink devices. With advances in integrated circuit and other related technologies, a new type of digital interface between video source and sink devices is emerging. The availability of this type of new digital interface presents yet another new challenge to protecting digital video content. While in general, there is a large body of cipher technology known, the operating characteristics such as the volume of the data, its

streaming nature, the bit rate and so forth, as well as the location of intelligence, typically in the source device and not the sink device, present a unique set of challenges, requiring a new and novel solution.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A video source device provides a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process to a video sink device, to which the video source device is to provide a video content. The video source device ciphers the video content for transmission to the video sink device, including generation of a first cipher key through functional transformation of the basis value. The video source device further verifies periodically that the transmitted video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The present invention will be described by way of exemplary embodiments, but not limitations, illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which like references denote similar elements, and in which:

Figure 1 illustrates an overview of the present invention in accordance with one embodiment;

Figure 2 illustrates a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process based method for providing video content from a source device to a sink device, in accordance with one embodiment;

Figures 3a-3b illustrate the symmetric ciphering/deciphering process of **Fig. 2**, in accordance with one embodiment;

Figure 4 illustrates video source and sink devices of **Fig. 1** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment;

Figure 5 illustrates the combined block/stream cipher of **Fig. 4** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment;

Figure 6 illustrates the block key section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment;

Figure 7 illustrates the block data section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment; and

Figures 8a-8c illustrate the stream data section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the following description, various aspects of the present invention will be described, and various details will be set forth in order to provide a thorough understanding of the present invention. However, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the present invention may be practiced with only some or all aspects of the present invention, and the present invention may be practiced without the specific details. In other instances, well known features are omitted or simplified in order not to obscure the present invention.

Various operations will be described as multiple discrete steps performed in turn in a manner that is most helpful in understanding the present invention. However, the order of description should not be construed as to imply that these operations are necessarily performed in the order they are presented, or even order dependent. Lastly, repeated usage of the phrase "in one embodiment" does not necessarily refer to the same embodiment, although it may.

Referring now to **Figure 1**, wherein a block diagram illustrating an overview of the present invention, in accordance with one embodiment is shown. As illustrated, video source device **102** and video sink device **104** are coupled to each other by digital video link **106**. Video source device **102** provides video content to video sink device **104** through digital video link **106**. In accordance with the present invention, video source device **102** and video sink device **104** are equipped to be able to jointly practice a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process. As a result, video content may be provided in a more robust ciphered digital form from video source device **102** to video sink device **104** through video link **106**, making it more difficult to pirate video content during transmission.

Except for the teachings of the present invention incorporated, to be described more fully below, video source device **102** and video sink device **104** are both intended to represent a broad range of such devices known in the art. Examples of video source devices include but not limited to computers of all sizes (from palm size device to desktop device, and beyond), set-up boxes, or DVD players, whereas examples of video sink devices include but not limited to CRT monitors, flat panel displays or television sets. Digital video link **106** may be implemented in any one of a number of mechanical and electrical forms, as long as they are consistent with the operating requirement (i.e. speed, bit rate and so forth), and a mechanism (which may be in hardware or through protocol) is provided to allow control information to be exchanged between video source and sink devices **102** and **104** (hereinafter, simply source and sink devices respectively).

Figure 2 illustrates an overview of the symmetric ciphering/deciphering process based method for providing video content from a source device to a sink device, in accordance with one embodiment. In this embodiment, source and sink devices **102** and **104** are assumed to have each been provided with an array of private keys and a complementary identifier by a certification authority. As illustrated, upon power on or reset, source device **102** first provides a basis value to the symmetric ciphering/deciphering process to sink device **104** (block **202**). For the illustrated embodiment, the basis value is a random number (An). An may be generated in any one of a number of techniques known in the art. Additionally, source device **102** also provides its identifier (Ak) to sink device **104** (block **202**). In response, sink device **104** replies with its identifier (Bk) (block **203**). Upon exchanging the above information, source and sink devices **102** and **104** independently generate their respective copies of an authentication key (Km) using Ak and Bk (block **204** and **205**). For the illustrated embodiment, source device **102** generates its copy of Km by summing private keys of its provided array indexed by Bk, while sink device **104** generates its copy of Km by summing private keys of its provided array indexed by Ak. At this time, if both source and

sink devices **102** and **104** are authorized devices, they both possess and share a common secret authentication key Km.

In one embodiment, each of source and sink devices **102** and **104** is pre-provided with an array of 40 56-bit private keys by the certification authority. An is a 64-bit random number, and Km is 56-bit long. For more information on the above described authentication process, see co-pending U.S. Patent Application, serial number 09/275,722, filed on March 24, 1999, entitled Method and Apparatus for the Generation of Cryptographic Keys, having common inventorship as well as assignee with the present application.

Having authenticated sink device **104**, source device **102** ciphers video content into a ciphered form before transmitting the video content to sink device **104**. Source device **102** ciphers the video content employing a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process, and using the random number (An) as well as the independently generated authentication key (Km) (block **206**). Upon receipt of the video content in ciphered form, sink device **104** deciphers the ciphered video content employing the same symmetric ciphering/deciphering processing, and using the provided An as well as its independently generated copy of Km (block **207**).

In accordance with the present invention, as an integral part of ciphering video content, source device **102** derives a set of verification reference values in a predetermined manner (block **208**). Likewise, as an integral part of symmetrically deciphering video content sink device **104** also derives a set of verification values in a predetermined manner, and transmits these derived verification values to source device **102** (block **209**). Upon receiving each of these verification values, source device **102** compares the received verification value to the corresponding one of the verification reference value to determine and confirm that indeed the ciphered video content is being properly deciphered by sink device **104** (block **210**).

For the illustrated embodiment, both source and sink devices **102** and **104** generate the verification reference and verification values continuously, but the verification values are provided from sink device **104** to source device **102** periodically at predetermined intervals.

In one embodiment, the verification reference and verification values are all 64-bit in length, and sink device **104** provides source device **102** with verification values at initialization and every 64^{th} frames thereafter.

Figures 3a-3b illustrate the symmetric ciphering/deciphering process in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. In this embodiment, the video content is assumed to be a multi-frame video content with each frame having multiple lines of video content. In between two lines of a frame is an interval to allow a sink device to horizontally "retrace" itself, commonly known as the horizontal retrace interval or horizontal blanking interval (HBI). Likewise, in between two frames is an interval to allow a sink device to vertically "retrace" itself, commonly known as the vertical retrace interval or vertical blanking interval (VBI).

Source device **102** first generates a session key (Ks) for the transmission session (block **302**). For the illustrated embodiment, Ks is generated by block ciphering the above mentioned random number An using the authentication key Km as the block cipher key and applying C1 clocks. The duration of a transmission session is application dependent. Typically, it corresponds to a natural demarcation of the video content, e.g. the transmission of a single movie may constitute a transmission session, or the transmission of an episode of a sitcom may constitute a transmission session instead.

Upon generating the session key Ks, source device **102** generates an initial version of a second random number (M0) (block **304**). For the illustrated embodiment, source device **102** first generates a pseudo random bit sequence (at p-bit per clock) using a stream cipher with the above described random number An and the session key Ks (in two roles, as another input random number and as the stream cipher key), applying C2 clocks. Source device **102** derives M0 from the pseudo random bit sequence, as the bit sequence is generated.

Next, source device **102** generates a frame key (Ki) for the next frame (block **306**). For the illustrated embodiment, Ki is generated by block ciphering an immediately preceding version of the second random number Mi-1 using the

session key Ks as the block cipher key, and applying C3 clocks. That is, for the first frame, frame-1, frame key K1 is generated by block ciphering the above described initial version of the second random number M0, using Ks, and applying C3 clocks. Additionally, this operation is subsequently repeated at each vertical blanking interval for the then next frame, frame-2, frame-3, and so forth.

Upon generating the frame key Ki, source device **102** generates the current version of the second random number (Mi) (block **302**). For the illustrated embodiment, source device **102** first generates a pseudo random bit sequence (at p-bit per clock) using a stream cipher with the previous version of the second random number Mi-1 and the frame key Ki (in two roles, as another input random number and as the stream cipher key), applying C4 clocks. Source device **102** derives Mi from the pseudo random bit sequence, as the bit sequence is generated.

Upon generating the current version of the second random number Mi, source device **102** again generates a pseudo random bit sequence (at p-bit per clock) to cipher the frame (block **308**). For the illustrated embodiment, source device **102** generates the pseudo random bit sequence using a stream cipher with an immediately preceding version of the second random number Mi-1 and frame key Ki (in two roles, as another input random number and the stream cipher key), applying C5 clock cycles. The video content is ciphered by perform an exclusive-OR (XOR) operation on the video stream and the pseudo random bit sequence. The pseudo random bit sequence is generated preferably at a rate sufficient to cipher a pixel of RGB signal per clock. Therefore, C5 is equal to the number of bits per pixel multiply by the number of pixels per line, as well as the number of lines per frame.

For the illustrated embodiment, a stream cipher that successively transforms Mi and Ki in the course of generating the pseudo random bit sequence is employed. Additionally, the robustness of the ciphered video content is further strengthened by increasing the unpredictability of the pseudo random bit sequence through successive modification of then current states of Ki at the horizontal blanking intervals of the frame (block **310**).

Over in sink device **104**, in like manner, it first generates a session key (Ks) for the transmission session (block **312**). Upon generating the session key Ks, sink device **104** generates an initial version of the second random number (M0) (block **314**). Next, sink device **104** generates the frame key (Ki) and second random number (Mi) for the next frame (block **316**). This operation is likewise subsequently repeated at each vertical blanking interval for the then next frame. In the meantime, after generation of each frame key Ki and Mi, sink device **104** generates a corresponding pseudo random bit sequence to decipher the frame (block **318**). The ciphered video content is deciphered by performing an exclusive-OR (XOR) operation on the video stream and the corresponding pseudo random bit sequence. Sink device **104** also employs a stream cipher that successively transforms Mi and Ki in the course of generating the pseudo random bit sequence. Furthermore, Ki is successively modified at the horizontal blanking intervals of the frame (block **320**). Ki, the pseudo random bit sequence, and Mi are symmetrically generated as earlier described for source device **102**.

In one embodiment, Ks and each Ki are both 84-bit in length. C1 and C3 are both 48 clocks in length. Each pixel is 24-bit, and the pseudo random bit sequence is generated at 24-bit per clock. Each Mi is 64-bit in length, C3 and C4 are 56 clocks in length. Each 64-bit Mi is formed by concatenating the "lower" 16-bit stream cipher output of each of the last four clocks.

Accordingly, video content may be advantageously transmitted in ciphered form with increased robustness from source device **102** to sink device **104** through link **106** with reduced pirating risk.

Figure 4 illustrates video source and sink devices of **Fig. 1** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. As shown, video source and sink devices **102** and **104** include interfaces **108a** and **108b** disposed at the respective end of link **106**. Each of interfaces **108a** and **108b** is advantageously provided with cipher **110** of the present invention and XOR **112** to practice the video content protection method of the present invention as described above. Additionally, for ease of explanation, interface **108a** is also shown as having been provided with a separate random number generator **114**. Except for

interfaces **108a** and **108b**, as stated earlier, video source and sink devices **102** and **104** are otherwise intended to represent a broad category of these devices known in the art.

Random number generator **114** is used to generate the earlier described random number An. Random number generator **114** may be implemented in hardware or software, in any one of a number of techniques known in the art. In alternate embodiments, as those skilled in the art will appreciate from the description to follow, cipher **110** may also used to generate An, without the employment of a separate random number generator.

Cipher **110** is a novel combined block/stream cipher capable of operating in either a block mode of operation or a stream mode of operation. To practice the video content protection method of the present invention, cipher **110** is used in block mode to generate the above described session key Ks and frame keys Ki, and in stream mode to generate the pseudo random bit sequences for the various frames (and indirectly Mi, as they are derived from the respective bit sequences).

In source device **102**, XOR **112** is used to cipher video content, combining it with the pseudo random bit sequences generated by cipher **110** on interface **108a**. Over in sink device **104**, XOR **112** is used to decipher ciphered video content, combining it with the pseudo random bit sequences generated by cipher **110** on interface **108b**.

Figure 5 illustrates the combined block/stream cipher of **Fig. 4** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. As illustrated, combined block/stream cipher **110** includes block key section **502**, data section **504**, stream key section **506**, and mapping section **508**, coupled to one another. Block key section **502** and data section **504** are employed in both the block mode as well as the stream mode of operation, whereas stream key section **506** and mapping section **508** are employed only in the stream mode of operation.

Briefly, in block mode, block key section **502** is provided with a block cipher key, such as the earlier described authentication key Km or the session key Ks; whereas data section **504** is provided with the plain text, such as the

earlier described random number An or the derived random number Mi-1. "Rekeying enable" signal is set to a "disabled" state, operatively de-coupling block key section **502** from stream key section **506**. During each clock cycle, the block cipher key as well as the plain text are transformed. The block cipher key is independently transformed, whereas transformation of the plain text is dependent on the transformation being performed on the block cipher key. After a desired number of clock cycles, the provided plain text is transformed into ciphered text. For the earlier described video content protection method, when block key section **502** is provided with Km and data section **504** is provided with the An, ciphered An is read out and used as the session key Ks. When block key section **502** is provided with Ks and data section **504** is provided with the Mi-1, ciphered Mi-1 is read out and used as the frame key Ki.

To decipher the ciphered plain text, block key section **502** and data section **504** are used in like manner as described above to generate the intermediate "keys", which are stored away (in storage locations not shown). The stored intermediate "keys" are then applied to the ciphered text in reversed order, resulting in the deciphering of the ciphered text back into the original plain text. Another approach to deciphering the ciphered text will be described after block key section **502** and data section **504** have been further described in accordance with one embodiment each, referencing **Figs. 6-7**.

In stream mode, stream key section **506** is provided with a stream cipher key, such as the earlier described session key Ks or frame key Ki. Block key section **502** and data section **504** are provided with random numbers, such as the earlier described session/frame keys Ks/Ki and the derived random numbers Mi-1. "Rekeying enable" signal is set to an "enabled" state, operatively coupling block key section **502** to stream key section **506**. Periodically, at predetermined intervals, such as the earlier described horizontal blanking intervals, stream key section **506** is used to generate one or more data bits to dynamically modify the then current state of the random number stored in block data section **502**. During each clock cycle, in between the predetermined intervals, both random numbers stored in block key section **502** and data section **504** are transformed. The random number provided to block key section **502** is independently

transformed, whereas transformation of the random number provided to data section **504** is dependent on the transformation being performed in block key section **502**. Mapping block **506** retrieves a subset each, of the newly transformed states of the two random numbers, and reduces them to generate one bit of the pseudo random bit sequence. Thus, in a desired number of clock cycles, a pseudo random bit sequence of a desired length is generated.

For the illustrated embodiment, by virtue of the employment of the "rekeying enable" signal, stream key section **506** may be left operating even during the block mode, as its outputs are effectively discarded by the "rekeying enable" signal (set in a "disabled" state).

Figure 6 illustrates the block key section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. As illustrated, block key section **502** includes registers **602a-602c**, substitution boxes **604**, and linear transformation unit **606**. In block mode, registers **602a-602c** are collectively initialized to a block cipher key, e.g. authentication key Km or session key Ks. In stream mode, registers **602a-602c** are collectively initialized to a random number, e.g. session key Ks or frame key Ki. Each round, substitution boxes **604** and linear transformation unit **606** modify the content of registers **602a-602c**. More specifically, substitution boxes **604** receive the content of register **602a**, modify it, and then store the substituted content into register **602c**. Similarly, linear transformation unit **606** receives the content of registers **602b** and **602c**, linearly transforms them, and then correspondingly stores the linearly transformed content into registers **602a** and **602b**.

Substitution boxes **604** and linear transformation unit **606** may be implemented in a variety of ways in accordance with well known cryptographic principles. One specific implementation is given in more detail below after the description of **Fig. 7**.

Figure 7 illustrates the block data section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. For the illustrated embodiment, data section **504** is similarly constituted as block key section **502**, except linear transformation unit **706** also takes into consideration the content of register **602b**, when

transforming the contents of registers **702b-702c**. In block mode, registers **702a-702c** are collectively initialized with the target plain text, e.g. earlier described random number An or derived random number Mi-1. In stream mode, registers **702a-702c** are collectively initialized with a random number. Each round, substitution boxes **704** and linear transformation unit **706** modify the content of registers **702a-702c** as described earlier for block key section **502** except for the differences noted above.

Again, substitution boxes **604** and linear transformation unit **606** may be implemented in a variety of ways in accordance with well known cryptographic principles.

In one implementation for the above described embodiment, each register **602a, 602b, 602c, 702a, 702b, 702c** is 28-bit wide. [Whenever registers **602a-602c** or **702a-702cb** collectively initialized with a key value or random number less than 84 bits, the less than 84-bit number is initialized to the lower order bit positions with the higher order bit positions zero filled.] Additionally, each set of substitution boxes **604** or **704** are constituted with seven 4 input by 4 output substitution boxes. Each linear transformation unit **606** or **706** produces 56 output values by combining outputs from eight diffusion networks (each producing seven outputs). More specifically, the operation of substitution boxes **604/704** and linear transformation unit **606/706** are specified by the four tables to follow. For substitution boxes **604/704**, the Ith input to box J is bit I*7+J of register **602a/702a**, and output I of box J goes to bit I*7+j of register **602c/702c.** [Bit 0 is the least significant bit.] For each diffusion network (linear transformation unit **606** as well as **706**), the inputs are generally labeled I0-I6 and the outputs are labeled O0-O6. The extra inputs for each diffusion network of the linear transformation unit **706** is labeled K0-K6.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SK	8	14	5	9	3	0	12	6	1	11	15	2	4	7	10	13
SK	1	6	4	15	8	3	11	5	10	0	9	12	7	13	14	2
SK	13	11	8	6	7	4	2	15	1	12	14	0	10	3	9	5
SK	0	14	11	7	12	3	2	13	15	4	8	1	9	10	5	6
SK	12	7	15	8	11	14	1	4	6	10	3	5	0	9	13	2

SK	1	12	7	2	8	3	4	14	11	5	0	15	13	6	10	9
SK	10	7	6	1	0	14	3	13	12	9	11	2	15	5	4	8
SB	12	9	3	0	11	5	13	6	2	4	14	7	8	15	1	10
SB	3	8	14	1	5	2	11	13	10	4	9	7	6	15	12	0
SB	7	4	1	10	11	13	14	3	12	15	6	0	2	8	9	5
SB	6	3	1	4	10	12	15	2	5	14	11	8	9	7	0	13
SB	3	6	15	12	4	1	9	2	5	8	10	7	11	13	0	14
SB	11	14	6	8	5	2	12	7	1	4	15	3	10	13	9	0
SB	1	11	7	4	2	5	12	9	13	6	8	15	14	0	3	10

Table I – Substitution performed by each of the seven constituting substitution boxes of substitution boxes **604/704**.

	Diffusion Network Logic Function
O_0	$K_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_4 \oplus I_5 \oplus I_6$
O_1	$K_1 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_4 \oplus I_5 \oplus I_6$
O_2	$K_2 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_4 \oplus I_5 \oplus I_6$
O_3	$K_3 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_4 \oplus I_5 \oplus I_6$
O_4	$K_4 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_5 \oplus I_6$
O_5	$K_5 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_4 \oplus I_6$
O_6	$K_6 \oplus I_0 \oplus I_1 \oplus I_2 \oplus I_3 \oplus I_4 \oplus I \oplus I_6$

	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	K6	K7	K8
I_0	Kz0	Ky0	Ky4	Ky8	Ky12	Ky16	Ky20	Ky24

I_1	Kz1	Ky1	Ky5	Ky9	Ky13	Ky17	Ky21	Ky25
I_2	Kz2	Ky2	Ky6	Ky10	Ky14	Ky18	Ky22	Ky26
I_3	Kz3	Ky3	Ky7	Ky11	Ky15	Ky19	Ky23	Ky27
I_4	Kz4	Kz7	Kz10	Kz13	Kz16	Kz19	Kz22	Kz25
I_5	Kz5	Kz8	Kz11	Kz14	Kz17	Kz20	Kz23	Kz26
I_6	Kz6	Kz9	Kz12	Kz15	Kz18	Kz21	Kz24	Kz27
O_0	Kx0	Ky0	Ky1	Ky2	Ky3	Kx7	Kx8	Kx9
O_1	Kx1	Ky4	Ky5	Ky6	Ky7	Kx10	Kx11	Kx12
O_2	Kx2	Ky8	Ky9	Ky10	Ky11	Kx13	Kx14	Kx15
O_3	Kx3	Ky12	Ky13	Ky14	Ky15	Kx16	Kx17	Kx18
O_4	Kx4	Ky16	Ky17	Ky18	Ky19	Kx19	Kx20	Kx21
O_5	Kx5	Ky20	Ky21	Ky22	Ky23	Kx22	Kx23	Kx24
O_6	Kx6	Ky24	Ky25	Ky26	Ky27	Kx25	Kx26	Kx27

Tables II & III – Diffusion networks for linear transformation unit **606/706** (continued in Table IV).

	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
I_0	Bz0	By0	By4	By8	By12	By16	By20	By24
I_1	Bz1	By1	By5	By9	By13	By17	By21	By25
I_2	Bz2	By2	By6	By10	By14	By18	By22	By26
I_3	Bz3	By3	By7	By11	By15	By19	By23	By27
I_4	Bz4	Bz7	Bz10	Bz13	Bz16	Bz19	Bz22	Bz25
I_5	Bz5	Bz8	Bz11	Bz14	Bz17	Bz20	Bz23	Bz26
I_6	Bz6	Bz9	Bz12	Bz15	Bz18	Bz21	Bz24	Bz27
K_0	Ky0	–	–	–	–	Ky7	Ky14	Ky21
K_1	Ky1	–	–	–	–	Ky8	Ky15	Ky22
K_2	Ky2	–	–	–	–	Ky9	Ky16	Ky23

K_3	Ky3	–	–	–	–	Ky10	Ky17	Ky24
K_4	Ky4	–	–	–	–	Ky11	Ky18	Ky25
K_5	Ky5	–	–	–	–	Ky12	Ky19	Ky26
K_6	Ky6	–	–	–	–	Ky13	Ky20	Ky27
O_0	Bx0	By0	By1	By2	By3	Bx7	Bx8	Bx9
O_1	Bx1	By4	By5	By6	By7	Bx10	Bx11	Bx12
O_2	Bx2	By8	By9	By10	By11	Bx13	Bx14	Bx15
O_3	Bx3	By12	By13	By14	By15	Bx16	Bx17	Bx18
O_4	Bx4	By16	By17	By18	By19	Bx19	Bx20	Bx21
O_5	Bx5	By20	By21	By22	By23	Bx22	Bx23	Bx24
O_6	Bx6	By24	By25	By26	By27	Bx25	Bx26	Bx27

Table IV – Diffusion networks for linear transformation unit **606/706** (continued from Tables II & III).

Referring now back to **Fig. 5**, recall that a ciphered text may be deciphered by generating the intermediate "keys" and applying them backward. Alternatively, for an embodiment where either the inverse of substitution boxes **604/704** and linear transformation units **606/706** are included or they may be dynamically reconfigured to operate in an inverse manner, the ciphered text may be deciphered as follows. First, the cipher key used to cipher the plain text is loaded into block key section **502**, and block key section **502** is advanced by R-1 rounds, i.e. one round short of the number of rounds (R) applied to cipher the plain text. After the initial R-1 rounds, the ciphered text is loaded into data section **504**, and both sections, block key section **502** and data section **504**, are operated "backward", i.e. with substitution boxes **604/704** and linear transformation units **606/706** applying the inverse substitutions and linear transformations respectively.

Figures 8a-8c illustrate the stream key section of **Fig. 5** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. As illustrated in **Fig. 8a**, stream key section **506** includes a number of linear feedback shift registers (LFSRs) **802** and

combiner function **804**, coupled to each other as shown. LFSRs **802** are collectively initialized with a stream cipher key, e.g. earlier described frame key Ki. During operation, the stream cipher key is successively shifted through LFSRs **802**. Selective outputs are taken from LFSRs **802**, and combiner function **804** is used to combine the selective outputs. In stream mode (under which, rekeying is enabled), the combined result is used to dynamically modify a then current state of a block cipher key in block key section **502**.

For the illustrated embodiment, four LFSRs of different lengths are employed. Three sets of outputs are taken from the four LFSRs. The polynomials represented by the LFSR and the bit positions of the three sets of LFSR outputs are given by the table to follows:

LFSR	Polynomial	Combining Function Taps		
		0	1	2
3	$X^{17} + x^{15} + x^{11} + x^5 + 1$	6	12	17
2	$X^{16} + x^{15} + x^{12} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + 1$	6	10	16
1	$X^{14} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^7 + x^6 + x^4 + 1$	5	9	14
0	$X^{13} + x^{11} + x^9 + x^5 + 1$	4	8	13

Table V – Polynomials of the LFSR and tap positions.

The combined result is generated from the third set of LFSR outputs, using the first and second set of LFSR outputs as data and control inputs respectively to combiner function **802**. The third set of LFSR outputs are combined into a single bit. In stream mode (under which, rekeying is enabled), the combined single bit is then used to dynamically modify a predetermined bit of a then current state of a block cipher key in block key section **502**.

Fig. 8b illustrates combiner function **804** in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. As illustrated, combiner function **804** includes shuffle network **806** and XOR **808a-808b**, serially coupled to each other and LFSRs **802** as shown. For the illustrated embodiment, shuffle network **806** includes four binary shuffle units **810a-810d** serially coupled to each other, with first and last binary shuffle units **810a** and **810d** coupled to XOR **808a** and **808b** respectively. XOR **808a** takes the first group of LFSR outputs and combined them as a single bit input for shuffle network **806**. Binary shuffle units **810a-810d** serially propagate and shuffle the output of XOR **808a**. The second group of LFSR outputs are used to control the shuffling at corresponding ones of binary shuffle units **810a-810d**. XOR **808b** combines the third set of LFSR outputs with the output of last binary shuffle unit **810d**.

Fig. 8c illustrates one binary shuffle unit **810*** (where * is one of **a-d**) in further detail, in accordance with one embodiment. Each binary shuffle unit **810*** includes two flip-flops **812a** and **812b**, and a number of selectors **814a-814c**, coupled to each other as shown. Flip-flops **812a** and **812b** are used to store two state values (A, B). Each selector **814a**, **814b** or **814c** receives a corresponding one of the second group of LFSR outputs as its control signal. Selector **814a-814b** also each receives the output of XOR **808a** or an immediately preceding binary shuffle unit **810*** as input. Selector **814a-814b** are coupled to flip-flops **812a-812b** to output one of the two stored state values and to shuffle as well as modify the stored values in accordance with the state of the select signal. More specifically, for the illustrated embodiment, if the stored state values are (A, B), and the input and select values are (D, S), binary shuffle unit **810*** outputs A, and stores (B, D) if the value of S is "0". Binary shuffle unit **810*** outputs B, and stores (D, A) if the value of S is "1".

Referring now to back to **Figure 5**, as illustrated and described earlier, mapping function **508** generates the pseudo random bit sequence based on the contents of selected registers of block key section **502** and data section **504**. In one embodiment, where block key section **502** and data section **504** are implemented in accordance with the respective embodiments illustrated in **Fig. 6-**

7, mapping function **508** generates the pseudo random bit sequence at 24-bit per clock based on the contents of registers (Ky and Kz) **602b-602c** and (By and Bz) **702b-702c**. More specifically, each of the 24 bits is generated by performing the XOR operation on nine terms in accordance with the following formula:

$$(B0 \bullet K0) \oplus (B1 \bullet K1) \oplus (B2 \bullet K2) \oplus (B3 \bullet K3) \oplus (B4 \bullet K4) \oplus (B5 \bullet K5) \oplus (B6 \bullet K6) \oplus B7 \oplus K7$$

Where "⊕" represents a logical XOR function, "•" represents a logical AND function, and the input values B and K for the 24 output bits are

Input Origin Outpu bit	B0 Bz	B1 Bz	B2 Bz	B3 Bz	B4 Bz	B5 Bz	B6 Bz	B7 By	K0 Kz	K1 Kz	K2 Kz	K3 Kz	K4 Kz	K5 Kz	K6 Kz	K7 Ky
	14	23	7	27	3	18	8	20	12	24	0	9	16	7	20	13
	20	26	6	15	8	19	0	10	26	18	1	11	6	20	12	19
	7	20	2	10	19	14	26	17	1	22	8	13	7	16	25	3
	22	12	6	17	3	10	27	4	24	2	9	5	14	18	21	15
	22	24	14	18	7	1	9	21	19	24	20	8	13	6	3	5
	12	1	16	5	10	24	20	14	27	2	8	16	15	22	4	21
	5	3	27	8	17	15	21	12	14	23	16	10	27	1	7	17
	9	20	1	16	5	25	12	6	9	13	22	17	1	24	5	11
	23	25	11	13	17	1	6	22	25	21	18	15	6	11	1	10
	4	0	22	17	25	10	15	18	0	20	26	19	4	15	9	27
1	23	25	9	2	13	16	4	8	2	11	27	19	14	22	4	7
1	3	6	20	12	25	19	10	27	24	3	14	6	23	17	10	1
1	26	1	18	21	14	4	10	0	17	7	26	0	23	11	14	8
1	2	11	4	21	15	24	18	9	5	16	12	2	26	23	11	6
1	22	24	3	19	11	4	13	5	22	0	18	8	25	5	15	2
1	12	0	27	11	22	5	16	1	10	3	15	19	21	27	6	18
1	24	20	2	7	15	18	8	3	12	20	5	19	1	27	8	23
1	12	16	8	24	7	2	21	23	17	2	11	14	7	25	22	16
1	19	3	22	9	13	6	25	7	4	10	2	17	21	24	13	22
1	11	17	13	26	4	21	2	16	3	4	13	26	18	23	9	25
2	17	23	26	14	5	11	0	15	26	3	9	19	21	12	6	0
2	9	14	23	16	27	0	6	24	18	21	3	27	4	10	15	26

2	7	21	8	13	1	26	19	25	25	0	12	10	7	17	23	9
2	27	15	23	5	0	9	18	11	8	0	25	20	16	5	13	12

Accordingly, a novel method and apparatus for ciphering and deciphering video content to protect the video content from unauthorized copying during transmission has been described.

<u>Epilogue</u>

From the foregoing description, those skilled in the art will recognize that many other variations of the present invention are possible. In particular, while the present invention has been described as being implemented in interfaces **108a** and **108b**, some of the logic may be distributed in other components of video source and sink devices **102** and **104**. Additionally, non-LFSR based stream key section, more or less block key registers, larger or smaller block key registers, more or less substitution units, including alternative substitution patterns, as well as different linear transformation units may be employed. Thus, the present invention is not limited by the details described, instead, the present invention can be practiced with modifications and alterations within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. In a video source device, a method comprising:
providing a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process to a video sink device to receive a video content from the video source device;
ciphering the video content for transmission to the video sink device, including generation of a first cipher key through functional transformation of the basis value; and
verifying periodically that the transmitted video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said ciphering process comprises subsequent generation of a plurality of cipher keys using the initial cipher key.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said functional transformation of the basis value is being performed employing an authentication key generated as an integral part of an authentication process authenticating the video sink device.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said authentication key is generated using identifiers of the video source and sink devices, and said authentication process include exchanging the identifiers with the video sink device.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said periodic verification comprises receiving selected ones of a plurality of verification values from the video sink device at predetermined points in time during said ciphering/deciphering process, and comparing the received verification values to corresponding ones of a plurality of verification reference values.

6 The method of claim 5, wherein said ciphering process comprises generating a pseudo random bit sequence for ciphering the video content, said verification reference values are symmetrically derived from the pseudo random bit sequence.

7. In a video source device, a method comprising:
authenticating a video sink device to receive a video content from the video source device, including generation of an authentication key;
ciphering the video content for transmission to the video sink device, including generation of an initial cipher key using at least the authentication key; and
verifying periodically the transmitted video content is being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said ciphering process further comprises subsequent generation of a plurality of cipher keys using the initial cipher key.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein said authentication key is generated using identifiers of the video source and sink devices, and said authentication process include exchanging the identifiers with the video sink device.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein said periodic verification comprises receiving selected ones of a plurality of verification values from the video sink device at predetermined points in time during the ciphering/deciphering process, and comparing the received verification values to corresponding ones of a plurality of verification reference values.

11 The method of claim 10, wherein said ciphering process comprises generating a pseudo random bit sequence for ciphering the video content, said verification reference values are symmetrically derived from the pseudo random bit sequence.

12. An apparatus comprising:

a first control unit to provide a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process to a video sink device to receive a video content from the video source device;

a cipher unit coupled to the first control unit to cipher the video content for transmission to the video sink device, wherein the ciphering unit generates a first cipher key through functional transformation of the basis value; and

a second control unit coupled to the cipher unit to periodically verify that the transmitted video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said cipher unit comprises a block cipher to perform said functionally transformation of the basis value to generate the initial cipher key, and to successively generate a plurality of additional cipher keys using the initial cipher key.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said first control unit also authenticates the video sink device and generates an authentication key as an integral part of the authentication process, and the block cipher functionally transforms the basis value employing the authentication key.

15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said second control unit receives selected ones of a plurality of verification values from the video sink device at predetermined points in time during said ciphering/deciphering process, and compares the received verification values to corresponding ones of a plurality of verification reference values.

16 The apparatus of claim 15, wherein said cipher unit comprises a stream cipher to generate a pseudo random bit sequence for ciphering the video content, and said second control unit derives said verification reference values from the pseudo random bit sequence.

17. An apparatus comprising:

a first control unit to authenticate a video sink device to receive a video content from the video source device, including generation of an authentication key;

a cipher unit coupled to the first control unit to cipher the video content for transmission to the video sink device, including generation of an initial cipher key using at least the authentication key; and

a second control unit coupled to the cipher unit to verify periodically the transmitted video content is being symmetrically deciphered by the video sink device.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said cipher unit comprises a block cipher to generate said first cipher key using at least said authentication key, and to successively generate a plurality of additional cipher keys using the initial cipher key.

19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said first control unit also exchanges device identifiers with the video sink device, and generates the authentication key using the device identifiers.

20. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said second control unit receives selected ones of a plurality of verification values from the video sink device at predetermined points in time during the ciphering/deciphering process, and compares the received verification values to corresponding ones of a plurality of verification reference values.

21 The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said cipher unit comprises a stream cipher to generate a pseudo random bit sequence for ciphering/deciphering the video content, said verification reference values are derived from the pseudo random bit sequence.

22 In a video sink device, a method comprising:

receiving a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process from a video source device to provide a video content in ciphered form to the video sink device;

deciphering received video content from the video source device, including generation of a first decipher key through functional transformation of the basis value; and

providing periodically verification values to the video source device to facilitate confirmation that the ciphered video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein said deciphering process comprises subsequent generation of a plurality of decipher keys using the initial decipher key.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein said functional transformation of the basis value is being performed employing an authentication key generated as an integral part of an authentication process authenticating the video source device.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said authentication key is generated using identifiers of the video source and sink devices, and said authentication process include exchanging the identifiers with the video source device.

26 The method of claim 22, wherein said deciphering processes comprises generating a pseudo random bit sequence for deciphering the video content, said periodic provision of selected ones of verification values include symmetrically deriving the verification values from the pseudo random bit sequence.

27. In a video sink device, a method comprising:

authenticating a video source device to provide a video content in ciphered form to the video sink device, including generation of an authentication key;

deciphering the ciphered video content received from the video source device, including generation of an initial decipher key using at least the authentication key; and

providing periodically verification values to the video source device to facilitate confirmation that the ciphered video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein said deciphering process further comprises subsequent generation of a plurality of decipher keys using the initial decipher key.

29. The method of claim 27, wherein said authentication key is generated using identifiers of the video source and sink devices, and said authentication process include exchanging the identifiers with the video source device.

30 The method of claim 27, wherein said deciphering process comprises generating a pseudo random bit sequence for deciphering the video content, and said verification values are symmetrically derived from the pseudo random bit sequence.

31. An apparatus comprising:

a first control unit to receive a basis value to a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process from a video source device to provide a video content in ciphered form to the apparatus;

a decipher unit coupled to the first control unit to decipher the ciphered video content, wherein the decipher unit generates a first decipher key through functional transformation of the basis value; and

a second control unit coupled to the decipher unit to periodically provide verification values to the video source device to facilitate confirmation that indeed the ciphered video content is being symmetrically deciphered.

32. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein said decipher unit comprises a block cipher to perform said functionally transformation of the basis value to generate

the initial decipher key, and to successively generate a plurality of additional decipher keys using the initial decipher key.

33. The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said first control unit also authenticates the video source device and generates an authentication key as an integral part of the authentication process, and the block cipher functionally transforms the basis value employing the authentication key.

34 The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said decipher unit comprises a stream cipher to generate a pseudo random bit sequence for deciphering the video content, and said second control unit derives said verification values from the pseudo random bit sequence.

35. An apparatus comprising:

a first control unit to authenticate a video source device to provide a video content in ciphered form to the apparatus, including generation of an authentication key;

a decipher unit coupled to the first control unit to decipher the ciphered video content, including generation of an initial decipher key using at least the authentication key; and

a second control unit coupled to the decipher unit to provide periodically verification values to the video source device to facilitate confirmation that the ciphered video content is indeed being symmetrically deciphered.

36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said decipher unit comprises a block cipher to generate said first decipher key using at least said authentication key, and to successively generate a plurality of additional decipher keys using the initial decipher key.

37. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said first control unit also exchanges device identifiers with the video source device, and generates the authentication key using the device identifiers.

38 The apparatus of claim 35, wherein said decipher unit comprises a stream cipher to generate a pseudo random bit sequence for deciphering the video content, said verification values are derived from the pseudo random bit sequence.

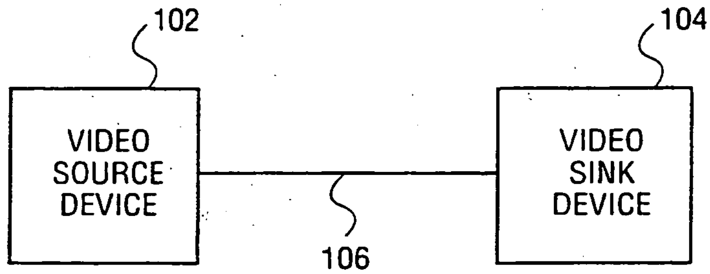
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FIG. 1

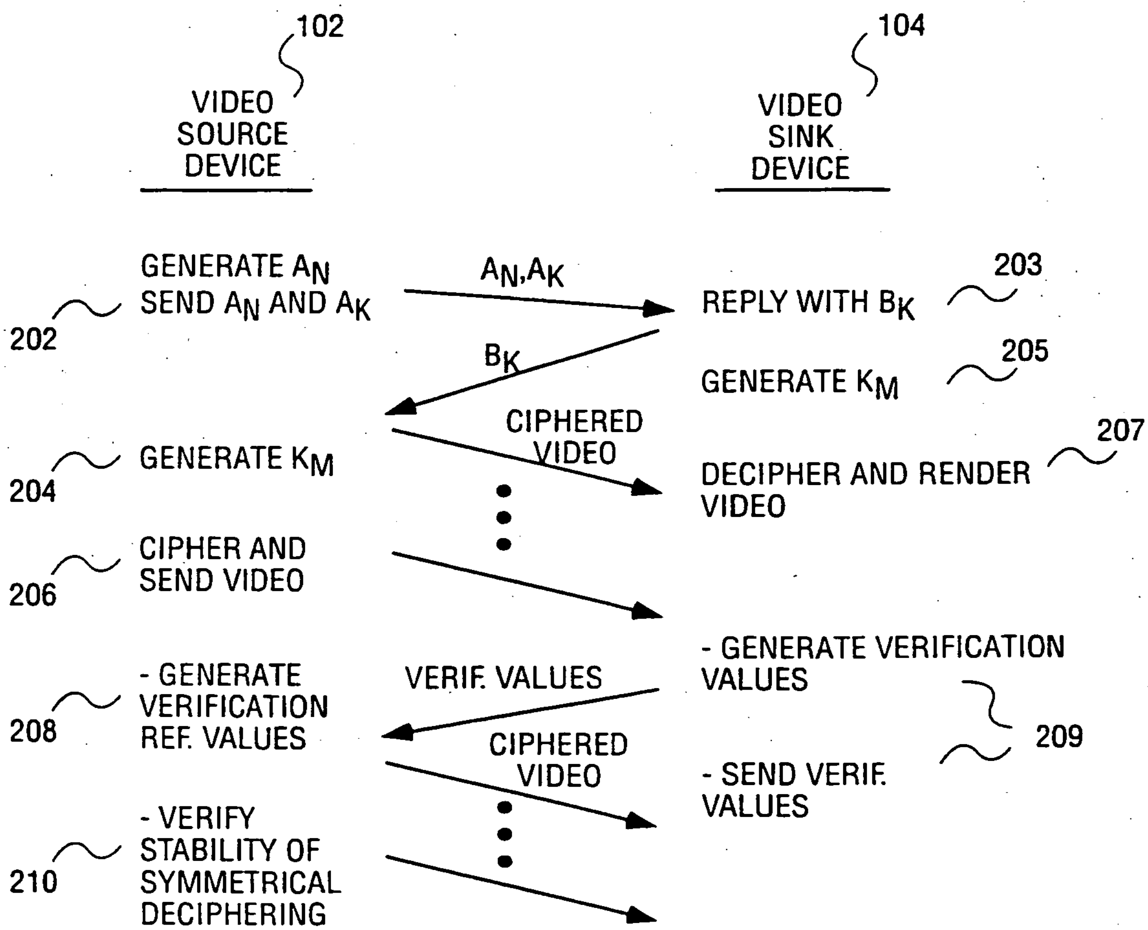
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FIG. 2

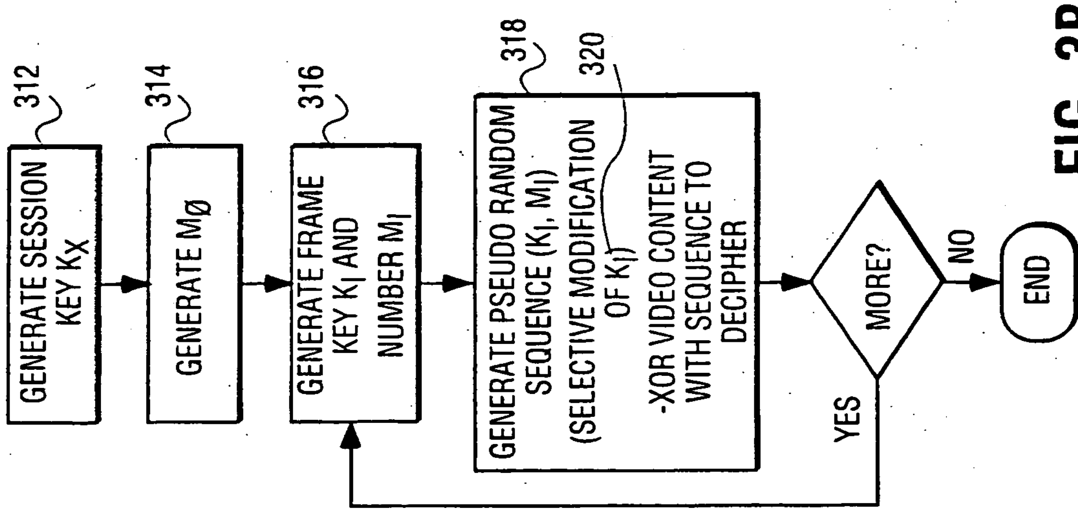
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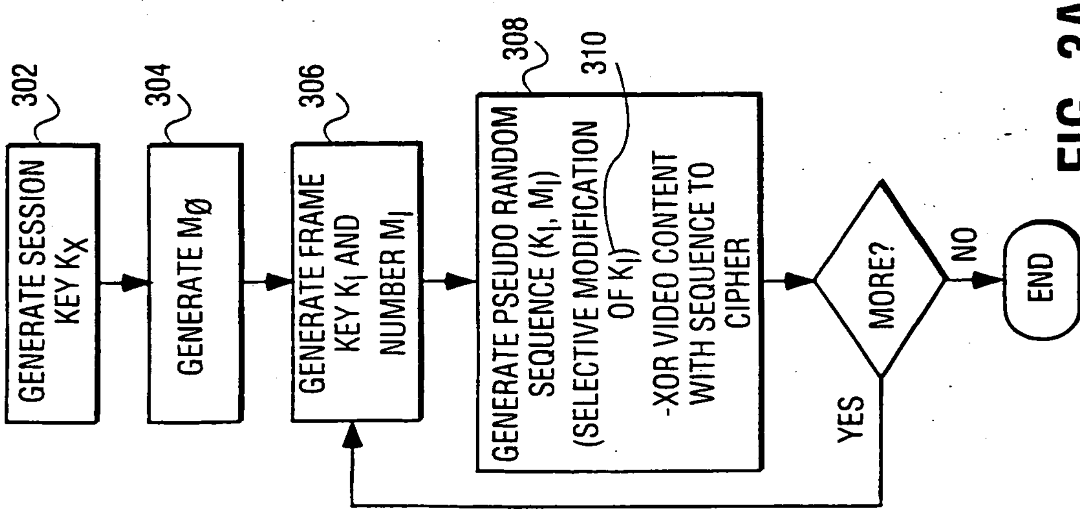
FIG. 3B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YES
NO
END

FIG. 3A

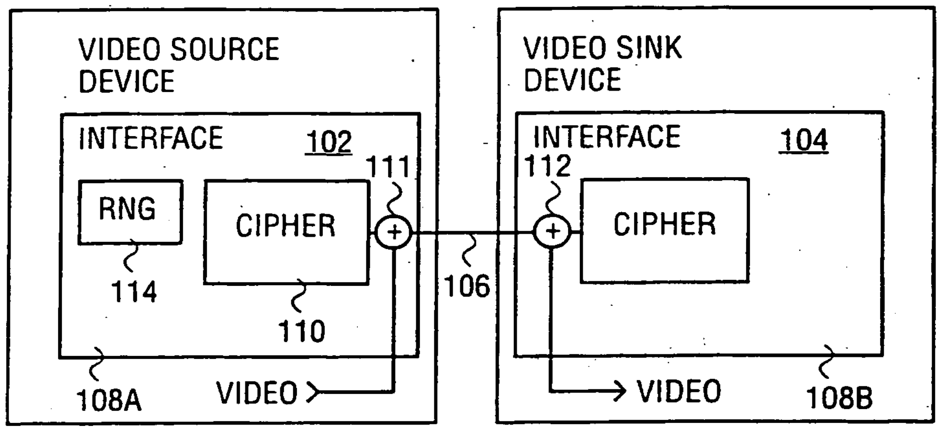
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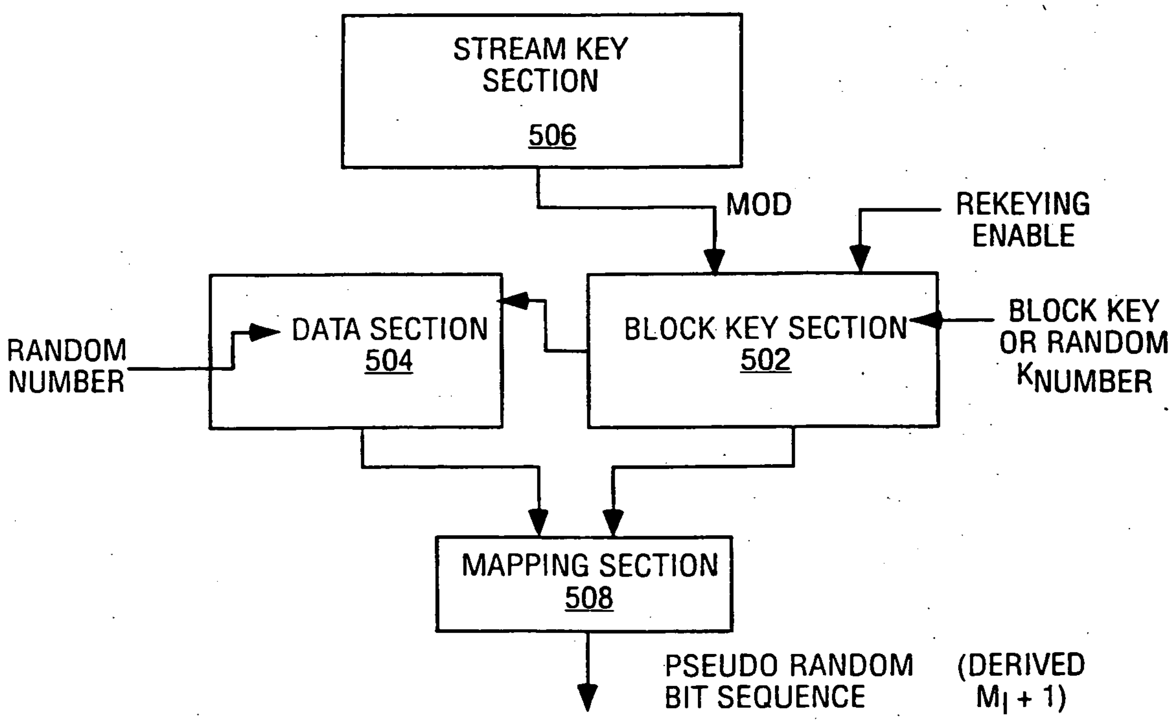
FIG. 4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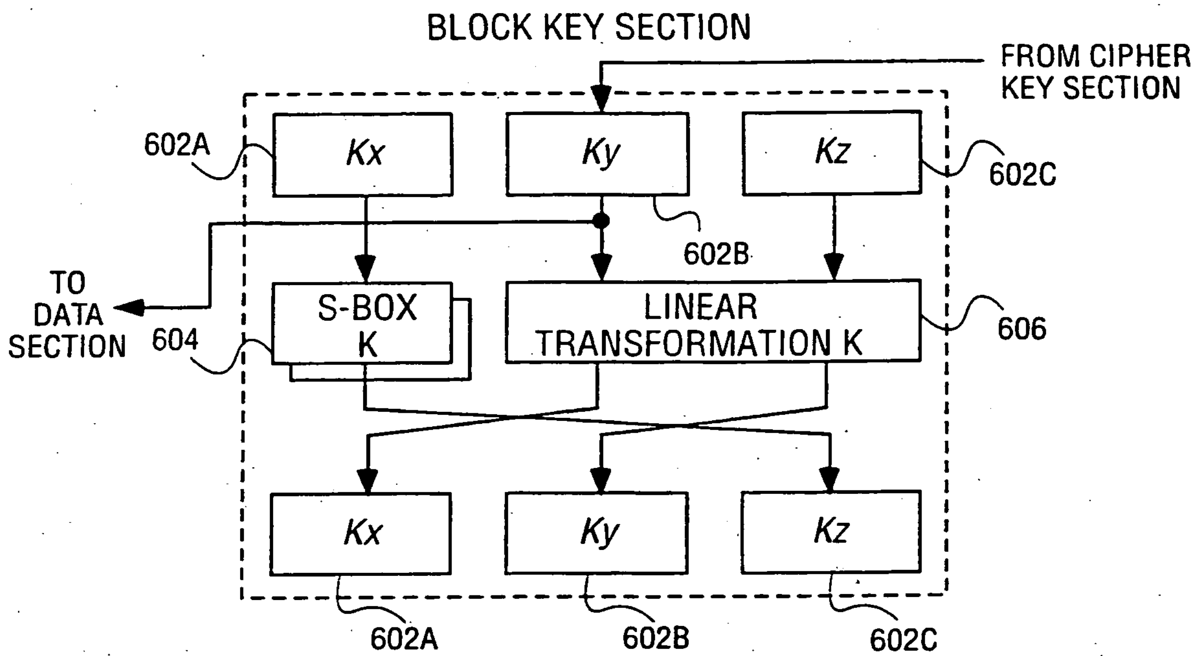
(DERIVED $M_I + 1$)

FIG. 5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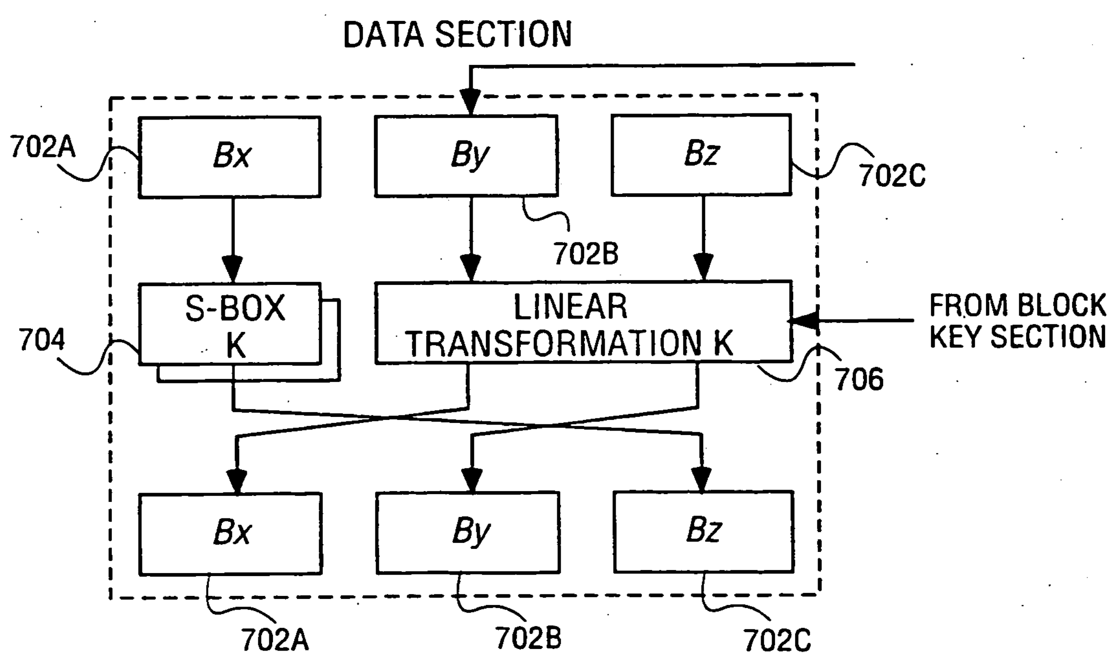
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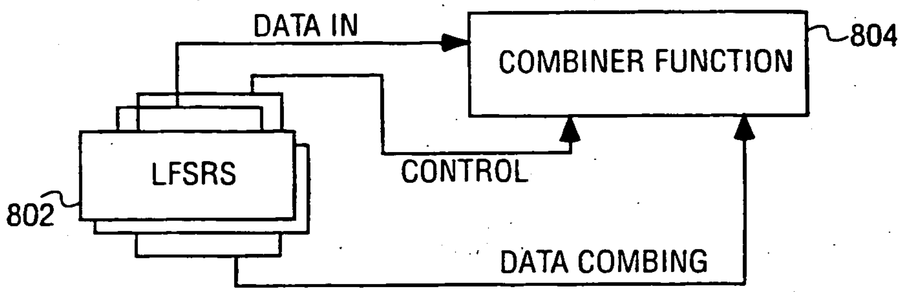

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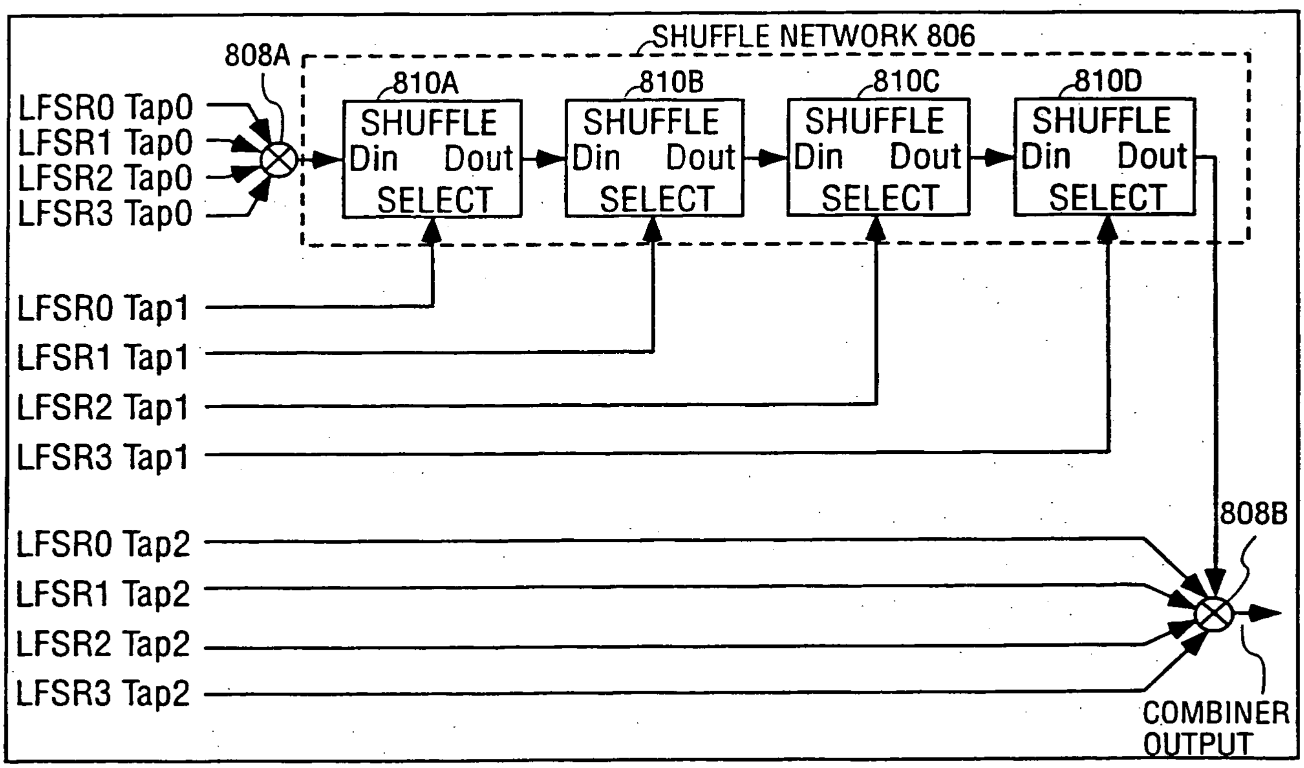

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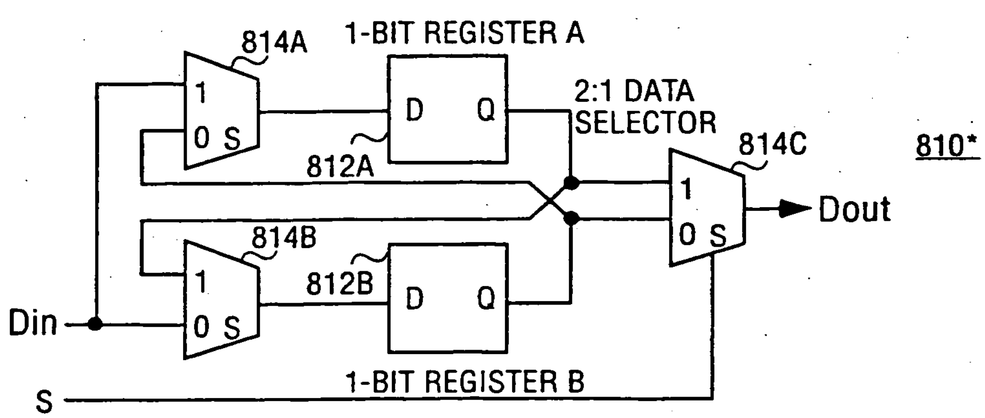

FIG. 8C

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